

actually we do have a handle on regulating bingo and pickle operations, particularly the pickle operations, and I would say, yes, we are to the extent that it is possible to regulate them. And Senator Schmit has a recommendation that the committee look at other states when we look at this interim study but also in a conservation that we just had we discussed the fact that no matter what you do to regulate, if you have illegal operations, there isn't too much you can do to regulate those illegal operations. And I believe Senator Schmit also said that you could go out there one day, and the next day, in other words, you would have to be out there every day. Well, no matter how many employees you would place on in the Gaming Division, then there is no way we would have enough employees to cover all of the bars, all of the operators across the State of Nebraska. So all I can say is that if someone is going to be illegal, just like in any of the other area, people have ways of getting around the law and so we can only put in place something that most of the times our laws do impact on, that is the people who intend to be legal anyway. That is not to say that we are going to not try to do all we can to regulate the industry, and I can tell you that just...he also asked me a little bit about how much money was collected, around a hundred million dollars in pickle gross sales this last year, and of that, \$4.7 million, which is 13 percent of the definite profit, went to the state; \$22 million in bingo sales, and \$1.3 million of that went to the state. Now that totals \$6 million and the breakdown on that is 35 percent of it goes to the Gaming Division with the other 65 percent of that amount of money going to the General Fund. As far as the number of employees in the Gaming Division, these are all questions that Senator Schmit asked me, and I hope he's listening, there are 30, and if they went to a Gaming Commission situation, they would have to add an additional 10 new members and then take the assistance that they were receiving from the Department of Revenue would be separated and they would have to replenish, in other words, add a total number of new staffing of about 40 people, and I know, Senator Schmit, that wouldn't be enough to nearly do the job but I don't think however many we'd put on would ever be enough. What I would like to do is just briefly tell you what we are intending to do during the interim in looking at all of gambling, legalized and other kinds of gambling that is not necessarily even legalized in Nebraska at this time, and all gaming activities, and then we would like to compare tax rates, take out, pay out, expense limitations, reporting procedures, location limitations, auditing, proceeds to the charity and its lawful purpose, and other regulatory